

HOUSE RESOLUTION 142
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Gene Dixon on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, through their special endeavors, these praiseworthy individuals are credits to their respective professions, their communities, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Gene Dixon is one such estimable person who has served with probity since September 1, 1967 as the head golf professional at the Country Club at Stones River in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement on February 29, 2000, Mr. Dixon was named "Golf Pro Emeritus" as a gesture of appreciation for all of his hard work and dedication and the countless hours of service he has rendered at the country club; and

WHEREAS, throughout his excellent service, Gene Dixon adhered to the common sense approach, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, Gene Dixon began his celebrated golfing career in Memphis, where he attended Memphis State on a golf scholarship; he had the distinction of rooming with Lou Graham, the 1975 U.S. Open Champion; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Big Daddy," Mr. Dixon's outstanding golfing abilities were made readily apparent when he won the 1958 Tennessee State Amateur Championship and the Memphis City Amateur Championship in 1959. Ten years later, Gene Dixon was named Tennessee PGA Player of the Year in recognition of his peerless talents on the links; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many awards and accomplishments aside, Gene Dixon is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Mary, and their two children, Gene, Jr. and Debbie; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Gene Dixon has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mr. Gene Dixon our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.